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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

- 1. (Previously presented) A chimeric RNA molecule for delivering an HIV TAR RNA to the nucleolus of a cell, comprising a snoRNA or a portion thereof which retains the ability of a snoRNA to localize in the nucleolus of a cell, and an HIV TAR RNA which binds HIV Tat protein.
 - 2. (Canceled).
- 3. (Previously presented) The RNA molecule of claim 1, wherein said snoRNA is a C/D box snoRNA.
- 4. (Previously presented) The RNA molecule of claim 1, wherein said snoRNA comprises a C box and a D box.
- 5. (Previously presented) The RNA molecule of claim 1, wherein said snoRNA is U16 snoRNA.
- 6. (Previously presented) The RNA molecule of claim 5, wherein said HIV TAR RNA has replaced an apical loop of U16 snoRNA.
- 7. (Previously presented) The RNA molecule of claim 1, wherein said HIV TAR RNA comprises SEQ ID NO:12.
- 8. (Previously presented) An expression cassette comprising a coding sequence for the RNA molecule of claim 1.
- 9. (Previously presented) The expression cassette of claim 8, further comprising an RNA pol III promoter sequence.
 - 10. (Previously presented) A cell comprising the RNA molecule of claim 1.
 - 11-30. (Canceled).